

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Kon-nichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Privet/Zdravstvuite.



"To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be."

Staffing: Farewell and thank you to Sue Harkins who will be retiring from Sacred Heart Cathedral School at the end of term. Sue, on behalf of our school community we thank you for all you have done for our school and the ongoing loyalty over the past sixteen years. We wish you and Venio all the very best for retirement and the adventures that are ahead. The farewell gift purchased on behalf of the community for Sue, was an iPad. This will be presented during our special farewell assembly tomorrow. *"You have made me laugh so many times thanks for organizing all the sports at our school. I especially enjoyed when our class would play softball."*

Liam

"Thank you being my teacher as a year 7 student I enjoyed being in your class especially for English and I loved your humour and the way you made me laugh".

Antonia

"We pray Sue for your continued blessings during this next phase of your life as you explore new horizons. May you continue to be blessed with strong networks of friends and family to enjoy the journey that lies ahead. May you find many receptive hearts and minds and receive their love and care."

Special thanks to Denise Mendez-Kerr who has very capably taught the students in Room 3 while Angel has been on maternity leave. Denise, the staff and students have loved your energy and enthusiasm. Denise will continue to support students with their learning on a part time basis at our school.

Junior Syndicate Celebration of Learning:



School Gates: We are very appreciative of the Archdiocese of Wellington project managing the installation of gates to keep our children safe. With the exception of the vehicle gates all gates will be open before and after school and need to be closed during school hours. Students late for school who are unable to open the gate independently will need an adult to help them with this.

Seasons for Growth

Our school will be offering the "Seasons for Growth programme" Term 2 for Year 5-8 students and term 3 for years 1-4 students. Seasons for growth is a grief and loss programme that caters for young people and adults. The core elements involve the promotion of social and emotional wellbeing and the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal part of life. Seasons for Growth is not counselling it is a grief and loss peer education programme. There will be a separate flyer about the Seasons for growth programme.

Technicraft project: Clock making



"At Technicraft we were given a project to make a clock. The movie Moana provided the inspiration for the design of my clock. Maui was my favourite character so I brought the 2 ideas together and made this Maui/Moana clock. It was really hard to begin with, but over the weeks I developed more ideas and I am very pleased with how my clock turned out."

Halia Rm 8

Coming Events

13 April – 1.30pm Connolly Hall –
Farewell assembly for Sue Harkins. Parents welcome.
- End of term 1, school finishes normal time of 2.40pm.

1 May: Term 2 begins usual time of 8.40am.

4 May: Young Vinnies singing at the House of Compassion.

Welcome back to Angel Moore who will be teaching in Room 3 and Ann Stephen who will be teaching in Room 10.

SUBWAY ORDERS ONLINE:

As we have not received hints on making online orders easier, we will still be accepting paper orders in Term 2 until further notice. Online orders do need to be placed before 9am on Wednesday morning. You will need to register before you can order online.



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to **Louie** Room 1 who started at our school last Thursday.

An Easter prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

Chrism Mass:





Butter Making: On Tuesday our Maths class had a visit from a Process Engineer who is an ambassador for Future in Tech. Tessa did a spectacular job explaining the thought process and what it takes to be an engineer of this type. Tessa had requested the day before, that the class bring a glass jar to share between four students. The next day so we could make butter out of cream. After her introduction, the class half filled their jars with cream, and she told us to shake the jar until it separated into buttermilk and butter. We then had to drain the buttermilk, or for some, unfathomably drank it. After all the hard work of listening, shaking and draining, we were able to spread their finished product on a piece of fresh white bread and dig in. Overall, the class enjoyed learning about being a Process Engineer, the study involved and the perks of being one!

Otis and Toby Rm 8

Sharing Bugs Learning with families: *Thanks to all the families who came in to look at the students' learning around 'bugs'!*



Rm 10 and the **staff** were in for a treat on Monday, with **Wilson Jack's** parents bringing in curried chicken and rice which they cooked. **Thanks Gary and Annie** for your mammoth task of providing this yummy lunch for Rm 10 and the staff!



Special thanks for your ongoing support throughout the term. Our students have experienced quality learning programmes and amazing educational experiences which has enhanced learning. Wishing you all a very Holy Easter and a well-earned break over the holidays. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Parents & Friends' New playground update

Thank you for your generosity in donating items for the Easter hampers and selling raffle tickets. We raised close to \$1,500 and 12 lucky people won a hamper. We will continue to fundraise next term as well as apply for grant funding.

Thank you also to those parents and students who provided us with feedback on the playground proposals. There were some great ideas and lots of excitement from the children. We have gone back to the playground companies to see how we can incorporate some of these suggestions and finalise the proposals and quotations. We are also now discussing our ideas with the Archdiocese and, in due course, will present them with our preferred playground proposal for approval. Thank you for your continued support,

Sacred Heart Parents and Friends Committee

A Rugby opportunity!-

Toki Services are proud & blessed to have partnered up with two of the best in the game, **Ardie Savea** and **Nehe Milner-Skudder** to put on an event for our juniors on Sunday 30th April (final day of the school holidays). "Meet, Train, Learn" with Ardie and Nehe is the theme of the event catering for 5 years up to 14 year olds. **Event details:** **Sunday 30th April, ASB Sports Centre**, Ages 5 - 9, 8.30am, Ages 10 - 14, 1pm. Price - \$65 per child. For more information follow us: Facebook: www.facebook.com/tokiservices/

Fr James

Holy Week draws our first term to a close and enfolds us in the wonder of Easter. Tomorrow (Thursday) opens what is called the Sacred Triduum – three days which include the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, the Crucifixion of Jesus and the Easter Vigil, leading to the Mass of Resurrection.

Even if you are disappearing on holiday as soon as school closes, do give some recognition to these commemorations. They form the centre of our Christian faith and, as people committed to Catholic education, we need to at least acknowledge their significance. When you have your Thursday meal, even if it's just a sandwich or a pie, think about the gift that Jesus makes of himself in the Eucharist and his call to share ourselves with each other. On Friday, make a definite stop at 3.00pm and quietly think of Jesus on the cross, and ask him to let you take some of the weight. On Saturday evening, or Sunday morning, give thanks for the gift of life, and say an audible YES to your baptism.

And have a great, safe and memorable holiday.